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Honorable Clement J. Zablocki, Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Clem:

On 16 June 1981, three Central Intelligence Agency analysts briefed the Subcommittees on International Security and Scientific Affairs and Europe and the Middle East on the Iraqi nuclear facility that was bombed recently by the Israelis. It was a closed briefing where only Members and appropriately cleared staff were present.

I was dismayed, therefore, when I read in the New York Times on 18 June the alleged comments of one of our analysts attributed to a person who attended the three-hour briefing. It is apparent that at least one individual has a careless disregard for the security level and sensitivity of the information your Subcommittees received.

Clem, we just can't provide classified intelligence information without assurance that there will be greater discipline and control over Members and staff to prevent leaks of that information to unauthorized persons. At my own testimony in closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Glenn moved that an attendance list be kept to discourage and enable follow-through action on any leaks. I know that you share my concern in this area and trust that you will take appropriate corrective action.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Lee Hamilton

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